- A funding strategy
- Consideration of how the options serve the public interest or save overall costs
- Technical data and information
- Minimum flows and levels and associated recovery and prevention strategies established within the planning region (Section 373.0361, F.S.)

PLAN VISION, GOAL, AND OBJECTIVES

The KB Water Supply Plan advisory committee adopted the following vision, goal and objectives to guide development of the water supply plan to ensure the water needs of this region will be met through the year 2020.

Plan Vision

The KB Water Supply Plan advisory committee adopted the State's water resource goal in the State Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 187, F.S.) as the vision for the KB Water Supply Plan:

Florida shall assure the availability of an adequate supply of water for all competing uses deemed reasonable and beneficial and shall maintain the functions of natural systems and the overall present level of surface and ground water quality. Florida shall improve and restore the quality of waters not presently meeting water quality standards.

Plan Goal

The advisory committee adopted the following draft goal specific to this region for the KB Water Supply Plan:

Identify sufficient sources of water and funding to meet the needs of all reasonable-beneficial uses within the KB Planning Area for the year 2020 during a drought event that has the probability of occurring no more frequently than once every ten years, while sustaining the water resources and related natural systems.

Plan Objectives

To ensure the KB Water Supply Plan addresses the specific needs of the region, the advisory committee developed the following draft regional objectives (no implied priority):

Objective 1. Water Sources: Optimize the use of all water sources.

Objective 2. Natural System Protection: Protect natural systems from harm due to water uses.

Objective 3. Level of Certainty: Identify options that will provide a 1-in-10 year level of certainty for all existing and projected reasonable-beneficial uses.

Objective 4. Compatibility with Local Governments: Promote compatibility of the KB Water Supply Plan with tribal and local government land use decisions and policies.

Objective 5. Linkage with Other Regional Planning efforts: Promote compatibility and integration with other related regional water resource planning efforts, including, but not limited to, Kissimmee River Restoration, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, the Restudy, and Southwest Florida Water Management District and St. Johns River Water Management District water supply planning efforts without detriment to the Kissimmee Basin region.

Objective 6. Conservation of Water Sources: Promote water conservation and efficient use of water sources.

Objective 7. Water Supply Demands: Refine water supply demand projections for all reasonable-beneficial uses for average year and the 1-in-10 year level of certainty.

Objective 8. Funding: Identify adequate sources of funding to support water resource development and water supply development options identified in the plan.

Objective 9. Water Resource Protection: Protect water resources (aquifers, lakes) from harm due to water uses, including preventing harmful movement of saline water within the Floridan Aquifer System as a result of water use.

The goal and associated objectives captured the expectations and issues in the KB Planning Area, and in turn, provided direction for the planning process. Topics scheduled for committee discussion, research and analytical work, and formulation of final recommendations centered on these objectives. Completion of the plan's initial goal and objectives marked the transition into the analytical phase of the process.

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